

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION

IN RE EQUIFAX, INC., CUSTOMER  
DATA SECURITY BREACH  
LITIGATION

MDL DOCKET NO. 2800  
1:17-md-2800-TWT  
  
ALL CASES

**ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS  
TO RETURN APPELLATE COST BONDS**

This is an MDL proceeding arising out of the Equifax data breach. Objectors Shiyang Huang, Theodore H. Frank, David R. Watkins, and George W. Cochran have moved for the return of appellate cost bonds, less appellate costs totaling \$70.13 per objector.<sup>1</sup> [See Docs. 1209, 1210, 1211, 1223].<sup>2</sup> The motions are GRANTED, with the Court separately addressing the amounts owed to each objector below.

**I. Individual Objectors**

**A. Frank and Watkins**

Frank and Watkins paid a joint appellate cost bond totaling \$4,000, and request the return of \$3,859.74, comprised of their bond less \$140.26 for their shares of the appellate costs owed. [Doc. 1229 at 1]. In accordance with N.D. Ga Local R.

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<sup>1</sup> \$70.13 accounts for one-sixth of the \$420.75 in taxable appellate costs incurred by the six objector-appellants who were ordered to pay appellate bonds. [Doc. 1206-1].

<sup>2</sup> Objectors Frank and Watkins filed their initial motion, which Huang joined. [Docs. 1209, 1210]. Frank and Watkins then filed an amended motion, and Huang filed a response that implied his joinder in the amended motion. [Docs. 1223, 1228]. The Court thus construes Huang's joinder to apply to Frank and Watkins's amended motion as well.

67(c)(3), the Clerk is authorized and directed to draw a check(s) on the funds on deposit in the registry of this Court in the principal amount of \$3,859.74, payable to Frank and Watkins' counsel, the Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute, and to mail or deliver the check(s) to:

Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute  
Attn: Anna St. John  
1900 General Taylor Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70115

**B. Huang**

Huang paid an appellate cost bond in the amount of \$2,000, and requests the return of \$1,929.87, comprised of the bond amount he paid less \$70.13 for his share of the appellate costs owed. [See Doc. 1228 at 2]. In accordance with N.D. Ga Local R. 67(c)(3), the Clerk is authorized and directed to draw a check on the funds on deposit in the registry of this Court in the principal amount of \$1,929.87, payable to Shiyang Huang, and to mail or deliver the check to Huang at:

Shiyang Huang  
2800 Southwest Engler Court  
Topeka, Kansas 66614

**C. Cochran**

Cochran also paid an appellate cost bond in the amount of \$2,000, and requests the return of \$1,929.87, comprised of the bond amount he paid less \$70.13 for his share of the appellate costs owed. [See Doc. 1211 at 2]. In accordance with N.D. Ga Local R. 67(c)(3), the Clerk is authorized and directed to draw a check on the funds

on deposit in the registry of this Court in the principal amount of \$1,929.87, payable to George W. Cochran, and to mail or deliver the check to Cochran at:

George W. Cochran  
1981 Crossfield Circle  
Kent, Ohio 44240

**D. Costs to the Plaintiff-Appellees**

In its mandate, the Eleventh Circuit entered a bill of costs awarding \$420.75 in costs to the Plaintiff-Appellees, which this Court then entered as a judgment. [Docs. 1206-1, 1208]. The four moving objectors have requested to have their portions of the costs owed, which is calculated as \$70.13 each, deducted from their appellate cost bonds. [See Docs. 1209, 1210, 1211, 1223]. The Court will grant that request, calculated as \$70.13 times four, totaling \$280.52 in costs.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, in accordance with N.D. Ga Local R. 67(c)(3), the Clerk is authorized and directed to draw a check on the funds on deposit in the registry of this Court in the principal amount of \$280.52, payable to Roy E. Barnes, counsel for the Plaintiff-Appellees, and to mail or deliver the check to Barnes at:

Barnes Law Group, LLC  
31 Atlanta Street  
Marietta, Georgia, 30060

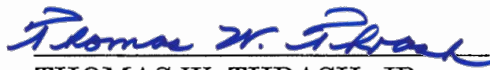
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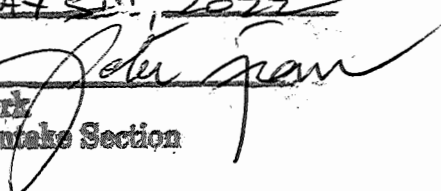
<sup>3</sup> By the Court's calculation, the Plaintiff-Appellees are owed a balance of \$140.23 from the two remaining objectors, Andrews and West, in costs.

## II. Conclusion

The objectors' motions to return portions of their appellate cost bonds [Docs. 1211, 1223] are GRANTED, with the amounts being returned as to each objector specified above. To the extent Frank and Watkins' initial motion [Doc. 1209] remains pending, it is DENIED as moot.

SO ORDERED, this 6th day of May, 2022.

  
THOMAS W. THRASH, JR.  
United States District Judge

**TO THE COURT**  
88 fs' hereby certified that  
rule 67 has been complied  
with and that there is on  
deposit in the Registry of  
this Court  
PRINCIPAL BALANCE OF \$ 10,000. —  
plus interest of \$ 14.94  
as of MAY SIX, 2022  
  
Deputy Clerk  
Financial Intake Section